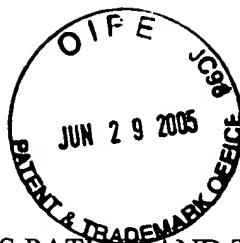


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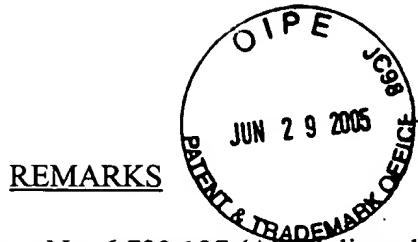
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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the cited foreign patent documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the enclosed International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER), dated May 20, 2005, that was issued in International Application No. PCT/US03/04653. The U.S. counterpart of that International application claims priority to the subject application.



REMARKS

The IPER cites U.S. Patent No. 6,793,127 (Alsafadi et al.) and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0216969 (Bauer et al.). Each of these documents was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in the subject application and is, therefore, not being cited herein.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the enclosed form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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